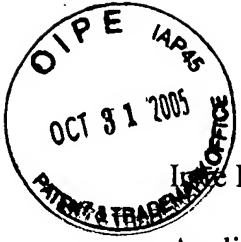


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Art Unit: 2822

Examiner: Toniae M. Thomas

IN RE: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Kazutaka SHIBATA )  
Serial No. : 10/727,577 )  
Filed : December 5, 2003 )  
For : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
AND METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING SAME )  
Attorney Ref. : AI 254D1 )

**AMENDMENT**

October 31, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of June 30, 2005, the period for reply to which is being extended to expire on October 30, 2005 by a Petition filed concurrently herewith. Since October 30, 2005 is a Sunday, a response filed on the following Monday (October 31, 2005) is deemed to be timely.

A fee of \$ 120 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed, the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.

FEE ENCLOSED: \$ 120  
Please charge any further  
fee to our Deposit Account  
No. 18-0002